

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Anand R. BAICHWAL
Serial No.: To Be Assigned
Filed: Herewith
For: **SUSTAINED RELEASE MATRIX FOR
HIGH-DOSE INSOLUBLE DRUGS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

December 9, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Preliminary to examination, Applicants request that the following amendments be made in the above-identified application:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.